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Re: Fitzgerald Square Park

Dear Mayor Silberberg and City Council Members:

The Park and Recreation Commission is delighted to express its full and unwavering support for the Interim Fitzgerald Square plan before you tonight. Fitzgerald Square promises to be a vibrant public park space for all Alexandrians and will be the crown jewel of our revitalized waterfront for years to come.

The Commission believes that active public spaces are key to a healthy and strong community. We are very pleased with the Department's continued forward thinking in planning public spaces such as Fitzgerald Square so that Alexandrians of all ages and interests will feel welcome to enjoy our magnificent city.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Atkins, Chair, on behalf of the

Park and Recreation Commission

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